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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of imports from Africa during 2006-07 and 2007-08 till date;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal for duty free imports from Africa;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a): Details are given in the Annex.

(b) to (d): In line with the Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration of the WTO of December, 2005, Government is considering the grant of preferential market access on a unilateral basis to Least Developed Countries (LDCs), a majority of whom are in Africa.